

VESPERS  
OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT

*with the musical notation*

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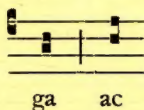


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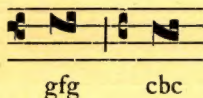


## Introductory Note

Singers must be careful to treat the chant as pure recitative, and to remember that the *forms* of the notes express no time value whatever. In note-groups where one note stands directly above the other, the lower note is the first sounded, *e.g.* —



Groups in which a thick oblique stroke appears, consist of three notes, *e.g.* —



In the Psalms the *italic* type indicates the syllable with which the mediation & ending of the Tone begin (*i.e.* the syllable on which the reciting note is left.) It does not necessarily indicate emphasis.

The mark  $\frown$  indicates that the two syllables which it connects are to be sung to the same note.

In the mediation of Tones II, IV, V & VIII, when the first half of the verse ends with an emphatic monosyllable, or with a word requiring an accent on the last syllable, the final syllable always receives the musical accent. In these cases the final note of the mediation is omitted.

N. B. In Pf. 147, *v.* 13, and in *vv.* 4 and 6 of the second setting of *Magnificat*, the ending is as follows : —



chil- dren with- in thee.  
ho- ly is his Name.  
-na- tion of their hearts.

## Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament

V.



God, make speed to save us. R̃. O Lord, make haste

to help us. Glo-ry be to the Father, & to the Son, and to the

Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, & ev-er shall be,

world without end. A-men. Al- le- lu- ya.

¶ From Septuagesima to Wednesday in Holy Week inclusive, instead of Alleluya is said :—

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of e- ter- nal glo- ry.

ANT. 1 *Sacerdos in eternum*

Tone i. 1



Christ the Lord. Pf. 110. The Lord said un-to my Lord : Sit

thou on my right hand, un-til I make thine en-e-mies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sy-on : be thou ruler, even in the midst a-mong thine en-e-mies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy wor-ship : the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware, and will not re-pent : Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchi-se-dech.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand : shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

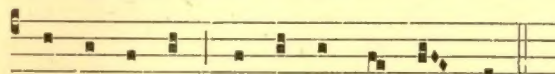
6 He shall judge among the hea-then : he shall fill the places with the dead bodies ; and smite in sunder the heads over di-vers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way : therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Ant. Christ the Lord,\* a Priest for ev-er af- ter the or-der of



Mel-chi-se-dech, of- fer- ed bread and wine.

ANT. 2 *Miserator Dominus*

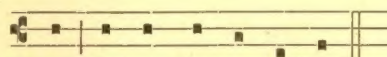
Tone ij. 1



He gracious Lord. Pf. 111. I will give thanks un-to the



Lord with my whole heart :— se-cret- ly a-mong the faith-ful,



and in the con-gre-ga-tion.

2 The works of the Lord are great : sought out of all them that have plea-sure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in ho-nour : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful & gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works : that they ought to be had in re-membrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him : he shall ever be mindful of his co-ve-nant.



6 He hath shewed his people the power of his *works* : that he may give them the heritage of *the* heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and *judge-ment* : all his command-ments are true.


8 They stand fast for ever and *ev-er* : and are done in truth and e-qui-ty.

9 He sent redemption unto his *peo-ple* : he hath commanded his covenant for ever : holy and rever-*end* is his Name.

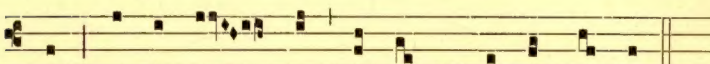
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of *wis-dom* : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter ; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son* : and to the Ho-ly *Ghost*.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be : world without end. Amen.

Ant. 


The gracious Lord\* hath giv-en meat un-to them that fear



him, in re- mem-brance of his mar-vel-lous do-ings.

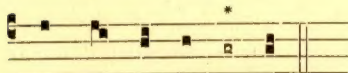
ANT. 3. *Calicem*

Tone iij. 1

 Will re-ceive. *Pf.* 116. v. 10. I be- lie-ved, & there-



fore will I speak, but I *was* fore trou-bled : I said in my haste,



All *men* are li- ars.

11 What reward shall I *give* un-to the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath *done* unto me ?

12 I will receive the *cup* of sal-va-tion : and call upon *the* Name of the Lord.

\* This note is sung only in the ending of vv. 12, 15 & 16, & the first verse of *Gloria Patri*.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of *all* his people : right dear in the fight of the Lord is the *death* of his saints.

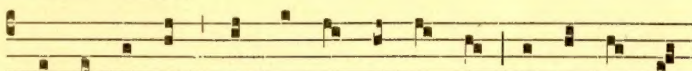
14 Behold, O Lord, how that I *am* thy servant : I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid ; thou hast broken my *bonds* in funder.

15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks-giving : and will call upon *the* Name of the Lord.

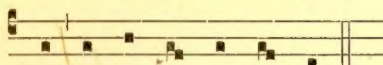
16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of *all* his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, | even in the midst of thee, O Hieru-*sa-lem*. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the *Fa-ther*, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly *Ghost*.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and *ev-er* shall be : world with-out end. Amen.

Ant. 


I will re-ceive\* the Cup of sal-va-tion, and I will of-

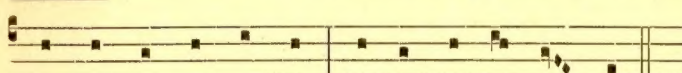


fer the Sa- cri- fice of praise.

ANT. 4. *Sicut novelle*

Tone iv. 1

 Ike as the o- live-branches. *Pf.* 128. Blest-ed are all



they that *fear* the Lord — : — and walk in his ways.

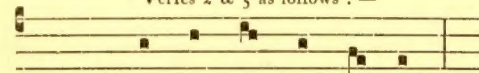
\* 2 For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the *fruit-ful* vine : upon *the* walls of thine house.

4 Thy children like the o-live branches : round a-bout thy table.

\* 5 Lo, thus shall the *man* be blessed : — that feareth the Lord.

\* Verses 2 & 5 as follows : —



v. 2 . . . and hap- py shalt thou be.

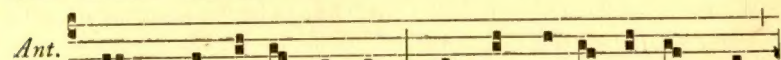
v. 5 . . . — that fear- eth the Lord.



6 The Lord from out of Syon *shall* so bleſs thee : that thou ſhalt ſee Hieruſalem in proſperi-ty all thy life long.

\* 7 Yea, that thou ſhalt ſee thy *chil-dren's* children : and *peace* upon Iſrael.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : — and to the Ho-ly Ghoſt. As it was in the beginning, is now, and *ev-er* ſhall be : world *with-out* end. Amen.



Like as the o-live-branches,\* may the children of the Church



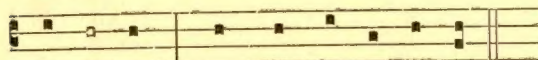
be round a-bout the ta-ble of the Lord.

ANT. 5 *Qui pacem*

Tone v. 2



E that mak-eth. Pf. 147. v. 12. Praise the Lord, O Hie-



ru-ſa-lem : praise thy God, O Sy-on.

† 13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy *gates* : and hath bleſſed thy *chil-dren* within thee.

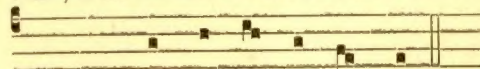
14 He maketh peace in thy *bor-ders* : and filleth thee *with* the flour of wheat.

15 He ſendeth forth his commandment upon *earth* : and his word runneth *ve-ry* ſwiftly.

16 He giveth ſnow like *wool* : and ſcattereth the hoar-*frost* like aſhes.

17 He caſteth forth his ice like *mor-fels* : who is able *to* a-bide his froſt ?

\* Verſe 7 & the firſt verſe of *Gloria Patri* end as follows : —



v. 7 . . . *peace* up-on Iſ-*ra-el*.  
and to the Ho-ly Ghoſt.

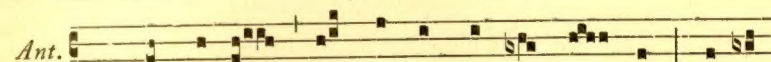
† Verſe 13, ſee note in the Introduction.

18 He ſendeth out his word, and *melt-eth* them : he bloweth with his wind and the wa-ters flow.

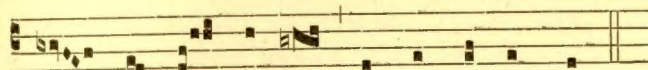
19 He ſheweth his word unto *Ia-cob* : his ſtatutes and ordinances un-to Iſ-ra-el.

20 He hath not dealt ſo with any *na-tion* : neither hath the hea-then *know-ledge* of his laws.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghoſt. As it was in the beginning, is now, and *ev-er* ſhall be : world *with-out* end. Amen.



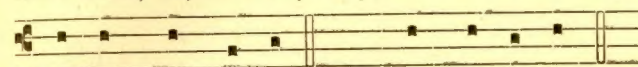
He that mak-eth\* peace in the Church's bor-ders, is the



Lord, who fill-eth us with the flour of wheat.

CHAPTER. I Cor. xj.

BRethren : I have received of the Lord that which alſo I delivered unto you : that the Lord Jeſus, the ſame night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and ſaid : Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you ; this do in



re-mem-brance of me. R. Thanks be to God.

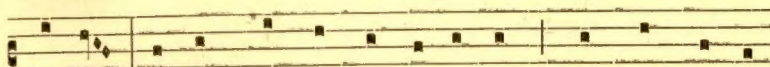
HYMN

*Pange lingua glorioſi*

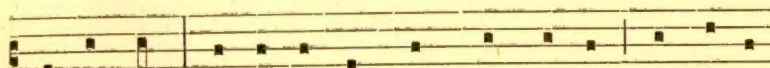
Mode iij.



Ow my tongue, the myſtery tell-ing, Of the glorious Bo-

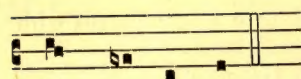


dy ſing, And the Blood, all price ex-cel-ling, Which the Gentiles'

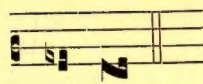


Lord & King, In a Vir-gin's womb once dwelling, Shed for this





world's ran-fom-ing.



A- men.

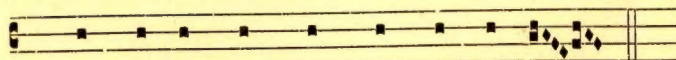
Given for us, and condescending  
To be born for us below,  
He, with men in converse blending,  
Dwelt the seed of truth to sow,  
Till he clof'd with wondrous ending  
His most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,  
'Mid the Twelve his chosen band,  
Jesus, with the law complying,  
Keeps the feast its rites demand ;  
Then, more precious Food supplying,  
Gives himself with his own hand.

Word-made-Flesh, true bread he maketh  
By his word his Flesh to be ;  
Wine his Blood ; which whofo taketh  
Must from carnal thoughts be free ;  
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh,  
Shews true hearts the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere ;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer Rite is here ;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing,  
To the Father, and the Son,  
Honour, might, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run :  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.



V. Thou ga-vest them Bread from hea- ven.  
Ry. Con-tain-ing in It- self all sweet-ness.

ANT. *O quam suavis*

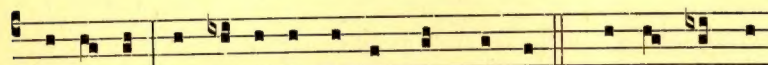
Mode vj.



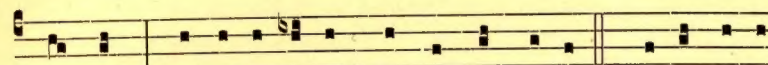
How sweet. *Pf.* My soul doth magni-fy the Lord :



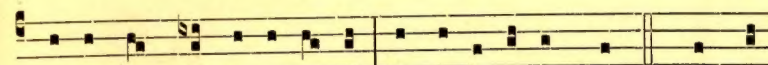
and my spi-rit hath re-joic-ed in God my Saviour. 2 For he hath



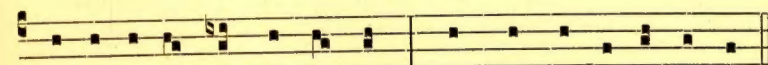
re-garded : the lowli-ness of his hand-maiden. 3 For be-hold from



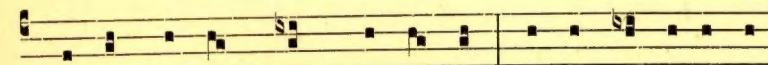
henceforth : all ge-ne-rations shall call me blessed. 4 For he that is



mighty hath mag-ni-fi-ed me : & ho-ly is his Name. 5 And his



mer-cy is on them that fear him : throughout all ge-ne- ra-tions.



6 He hath shew-ed strength with his arm : he hath scat-ter-ed the



proud in the i-ma-gi-na-tion of their hearts. 7 He hath put down



the migh-ty from their seat : and hath ex-alt-ed the hum-ble and



meek. 8 He hath fill-ed the hungry with good things : & the rich  
 he hath sent empty a-way. 9 He, re-mem-bering his mer-cy, hath  
 holpen his ser-vant If-ra-el : as he promised to our fore-fathers,  
 A-braham & his seed for ev-er. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and  
 to the Son : & to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be-ginning,  
 is now, & ev-er shall be : world with-out end. A-men.

*Ant.* O how sweet,\* O Lord, is thy spi-rit, who, that  
 thou mightest shew forth thy sweetnes to thy children, dost feed  
 them with that sweetest Bread which came down from hea- ven,

fill-est the hun- gry with good things, and send-est the rich  
 and dis-dain- ful emp- ty a- way.

Or this *ANT. O sacrum convivium*

Tone v. 2



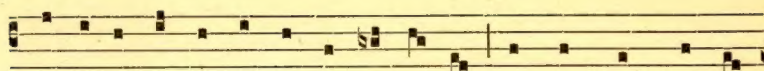
Most sa-cred Banquet. *Pf.* My soul doth mag-ni-fy

the Lord — : and my spi-rit hath re-joic-ed in God my Sa-viour.

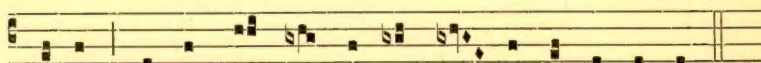
- 2 For he hath re-gard-ed : the lowliness of *his* handmaiden.
  - 3 For behold, from *hence*-forth : all generations shall *call* me blessed.
  - \* 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified *me* : and ho-ly is his Name.
  - 5 And his mercy is on them that *fear* him : throughout all *ge*-nerations.
  - \* 6 He hath shewed strength with his *arm* : he hath scattered the proud in the imagi-na-tion of their hearts.
  - 7 He hath put down the mighty from their *seat* : and hath exalted the *hum*-ble and meek.
  - 8 He hath filled the hungry with good *things* : and the rich he hath sent *emp*-ty away.
  - 9 He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant *If*-rael : as he promised to our forefathers, | Abraham and his *seed* for ever.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be : world with-out end. Amen.

*Ant.* O most sa-cred Banquet,\* wherein Christ is re-ceiv-ed, the

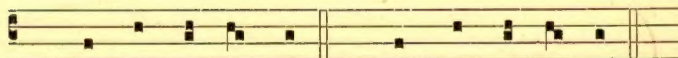
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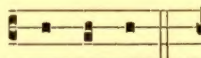
me-mo-ry of his Pas-sion is re-new-ed, the mind with grace is



fill-ed, and a pledge of fu-ture glo-ry is giv-en us.



℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spi-rit.

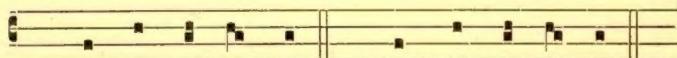


Let us pray.

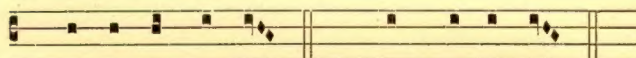
O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest & reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God,



world with-out end. ℞. A-men.



℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spi-rit.



℣. Let us blefs the Lord. ℞. Thanks be to God.

¶ *In a low voice without note.*

MAY the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ℞. Amen.